SCANDAL ATTACHES TO ADMIRAL CATON'S NAME

Captain Trench, Speaking for Colleagues, Declares His Record Is Unblemished, and That He Is Remembered in the Capital Circles as an Excellent Leader.

WIDOW NOW CHARGED WITH MURDER WAS BORN AND REARED IN ALEXANDRIA

Washington and Alexandria, especially army and navy circles, are keenly interested in the poisoning mystery in Hingham, Mass., in which Mrs. Jennie May Eaton is held, charged with having poisoned her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton, with arsenic.

Naval officers who remember Admiral Eaton during his service in the Capital, deny reports that there is a scandal attaching to his record. Speaking for them, Capt. Martin E. Trench, a bureau assistant of the department, who knew the dead admiral personally, says: "Admiral Eaton's record is clear and unblemished, so far as the navy is concerned, and he is remembered in Washington as an excellent officer."

Mrs. Jennie May Eaton was born forty years ago in Alexandria, on Prince street, between Royal and Fairfax

streets. Her father was George W. Harrison, a wholesale fish merchant, Harrison, a wholesale fish merchant, operating a packing house at King and Lee streets. More than thirty years ago he left Alexandria and IS FATAL TO MANY drowned while crossing Thunder bay some years ago. Several years after the family removed here, the future Five to Twenty Believed Dead

in Explosion in Indiana Mine.

DUGGER, Ind., March 22.-A gas ex-

mile west of here, is believed to have

Fifteen badly injured men have been

aken out of the diggings. How many

lace was not known this afternoon

Practically all of the 2,000 inhabitants of this place have gone to the mine in the rescue work. Danger of other ex-

the rescue work. Danger of other ex-plosions of the after-damp is great, but the rescuers worked regardless. The main shaft is 200 feet deep, but the ex-plosion took place in one of the diggings farthest removed from the main shaft.

The excitement is so intense and the

crowd so big around the mine shaft that no roll call of the workers has

Start First of May

Plans are being made by the National

Motor Transportation Company for

west section of the city with the Capi-

street and Pennsylvania avenue.

assengers.

tol and Union Station by way of F

The rate of fare will be 10 cents, and the number of passengers will be limited to those for whom seats can be provided, according to S. E. Lyon, general manager. The cars are somewhat similar in type to the Sixteenth street herdies, containing room for seventeen passengers.

Two routes will be maintained, the

operation.

The company, it is stated, is consider.

Ernst Gerstenberg, proprietor of

charge of dispensing liquor to a minor, for which a warrant against him was issued several days ago. The warrant charging Gerstenberg with the offense

charging Gerstenberg with the offense grew out of the conviction of a man named Daniel Gardner, who was charged in the Police Court of giving liquor to a boy under eighteen years of age. As the result of testimony given during the trial of Gardner warrants

Of Selling to Minor

starting the new line of motor buses

The line will connect the north-

een possible, and how many of the

Motorbus Company to

killed from five to twenty miners.

Rescuers Busy.

Met Admiral As Nurse. It was in Washington that the future Mrs. Eaton, as a nurse in the admiral's home, first met him. It is said that she married him here, although no

offical record of the wedding has been

Mrs. Eaton married D. A. Ainsworth

Eaton Home Will Be Destroyed in Search For Murder Evidence

NORWELL, Mass. March 22-The poison hunt growing out of the death of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton and the arrest of his widow on a charge of murder continued today, with the police throughout New England investigating all poison sales. Meanwhile, the police guard about the Eaton home in Assinippi was maintained.

A rumor was current today that some time before tonight a corps of State men escaped uninjured is not known. police officers practically will demolish the Eaton house. The ashes in the rear of the barn will be sifted; the hen yard will be dug up, and the entire place ransacked completely. The exact object of the search is not known.

The officials are following every clue mystery surrounding the death of Admiral Eaton, even though it be ever so slight. Today they are expected to grill Thomas Tom, a neighbor of the Eatons, who knew the family well, and who is said to have declared that Admiral Eaton used poison. His statement is in line with the entirely new report that the admiral was an arsenic eater

and may have taken ano verdose. Takes Confinement Calmly.

District Attorney Barker and State Officer Scott practically contradicted each other today when the former declared that no other arrests would be made, while Scott said such an arrest might follow if the discovery of a

Meanwhile, in the Plymouth jail, Mrs. Meanwhile, in the Plymouth jail, Mrs. Eaton was taking her confinement very calmly. She passed last night the same as her first night in jail—sleeping posed principally of Washington men. as her first night in jail-sleeping soundly. She awoke early, are a hearty breakfast and on the whole appeared Gerstenberg Not Guilty very cheerful.

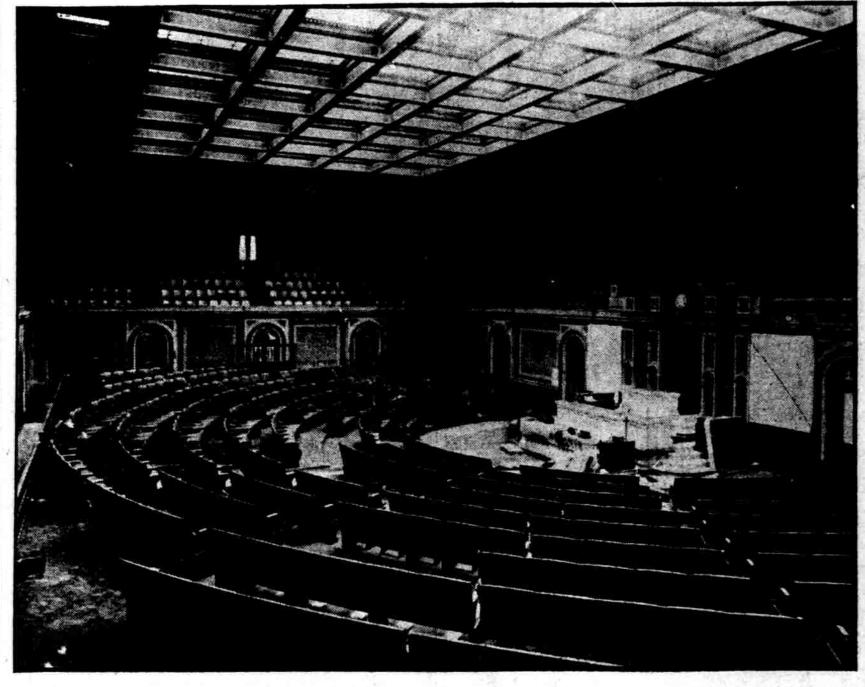
Mrs. Eaton is optimistic regarding her release, and reiterated her statement: 'I will be out in a few days.' She wrote two letters, but the con

tents and adresses were withheld by Sheriff Porter, Mrs. Eaton's chief concern is for her mother, Mrs. Harrison, who is very ill as the result of her daughter's arrest.

One of the most singular features o the Eaton case is the fact that both Rear Admiral Joseph Giles Eaton and his wife, who is held in the Plymouth county jail charged with his murder, apparently were in deadly fear of being

Admiral Eaton, according to James (Continued on Fifth Page.)

How National House Looks With Benches Instead of Desks and Chairs



WEATHER CHIEF

Prof. Willis Moore to Leave Service After Twenty-five Years in Harness.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, resigned today, H! resignation was sent to President Wilson and accepted, effective July 3 Secretary of Agriculture Houston called on the President this afternoon to dis cuss the resignation. A successor has not been mentioned and neither the plosion today in the Superior Mine, President nor the Secretary of Agri-culture has decided upon a man for the position.

The immediate cause of the resignaowned by the Vandalla Coal Company, a

tion is not known. It was stated defi-nitely at the White House, in response to inquiries, that Prof. Moore was not more of the 300 men who were at work asked to resign. at the time were in the remote parts of the tunnel where the explosion took Wanted Cabinet Post.

He was an ambitious candidate for the position of Secretary of Agriculture, possibly putting forth more effort to capture a Cabinet position than any of the men who were finally suc-cessful. This, coupled with the fact that he has been in the service for a quarter of a century, may have led Prof. Moore to the conclusion that the Federal service offered nothing further, and that he might as well resign.

The chief of the Weather Bureau was the target for an attack in the House last session by Congressman Aiken, and a thorough investigation of the Weather Rureau was threateed by the Demo-

Owner of Fine Farm.

in leaving the Government service Prof. Moore is able to retire to the comforts of a large farm near Rockville, the produce of which brings in an in-come, according to report, that almost any Government official would be glad to Emergency Hospital. Later it was to exchange for his Treasury warrant.
The Weather Bureau has been built up to its present efficiency and wide scope under Prof. Moore. The activities of the bureau are now so considerable that it cannot be properly turned over to the mercles of a mere office hunter, and it is expected that President Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Houston will attempt to persuade a man of scientific training and large business capacity to take the job, although this will involve the doing of work for much less money

cars starting at Sixteenth street and Park road and Sheridan circle, and operating under a five-minute headway. The schedule must be approved by the Commissioners. From twenty to twenty-five cars will be placed in operation. Georgia Senators Urge Places for Countrymen

> Senators Hoke Smith and Bacon of Georgia called at the Executive Offices this morning to urge on President Wil-son the distribution of plums among Georgians. They are specially interest-ed in the appointment of P. A. Stovall minister to Switzerland, and W.

In Plum Distribution

saloon and safe at 1343 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, was acquitted of the Dickinson to Remain

In Charge of the Case Against Steel Trust

age As the result of Gardner warrants during the trial of Gardner warrants were issued against Gerstenerg and the D-partment of Justice, who has Alexander Davis and Peter Loftus, two had charge of the Steel Corporation other owners of galoons in the north-west section. Davis and Loftus will e case, is to be retained by the Democratic (Continued on Fourth Page.)

Sun to Shine on Easter Hats

Easter morning will be fair and cold. The sun probably will shine upon the annual promenade on Connecticut avenue, when the millinery display will be fully equal to its traditions unless the prediction of the Weather Bureau is upset.

In the afternoon there may be the threat of rain under leaden skies, but the morning is expected to be almost ideal for churchgoing.

SCOUT STRICKEN IN ICE PATROL AT SEA HUNT FOR LOST BOY

WILL BE ABOLISHED Leader of the Patrol Troop Has Government to Attack of Appendicitis and Precautions Taken After

The Titanic Disaster.

After all the talk and uproar over

This year, Eastern shipping interests

brought the matter to the attention of

the Navy Department, but as the scou

ruisers were needed elsewhere, plans

Department utilize two revenue cutters

for the purpose, with the beginning of

the season when the ice is most danger-

The Cabinet, however, considered the

ous, in April.

Were They Insane on Poisons?

A close at hand study of the central fig-

ures in the Admiral Eaton mystery

Arrest of a Washington Woman

Charged With Poisoning Him.

IN TOMORROW'S

SUNDAY TIMES

which has just resulted in the

is thought sufficient.

Undergoes Operation. Stricken as a result of over-exertion n looking for Granville Dickey, the

runaway boy, Leander Syme, the fifteen-year-old son of Attorney Conrad H. Syme, is in Emergency Hospital rependicitis Young Syme was in command of the

Department ordered the scout cruisers patrol troop of Boy Scouts, which searched Rock Creek park and the sur- | Salem and Birmingham to patrol the ounding country for the Dickey lad, North Atlantic through the dangerous whose father also is a lawyer. He worked industriously for twenty hours, \ tramping through the undergrowth, limbing hills and wading creeks, looking for the lost boy,

After the quest for the Dickey lad was ended, young Syme complained for the first time that he was not feeling well. His father summoned Dr. Wilfound that he was suffering from ap-pendicitis and an operation was neces-It was reported this afternoon that the

boy is out of danger, and probably will be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

House Committee Thinks That **Benches Are Most Practical** Plan for Seating Members.

A merry fight is likely to develop in of the desks and the installation of cases of Floyd and Claude Allen, now bench chairs" in order to provide ample seating capacity for the forty-four penitentiary on March 28. new Congressmen, and, until the question is definitely settled, the desks are mond, and R. H. Willis, of Roanoke, being carefully stored, as it may be necessary to put them back.
Elliott Woods, superintendent of Capitol buildings and grounds, is supervising the alterations in the House cham-Discontinue

ber and is making all the changes tem-porary with a view of rechanging if the Congressmen decide they would rather have desks than benches. There were 400 desks under the former arrangement, but the benches make room for 450 persons. The benches have

been adopted by the House commission, out are not yet a permanent arrangement.

Pending a decision by the members of the House as to whether the new seating system shall be definitely adopted, the old desks have been stored in the attic of the Senate Office building. The desks are favored by a large number of Congressmen, and there is a possi-bility of a fight being waged against the permanent installation of the

Benches Most Practical.

The House commission, comprising Speaker Clark ad Congressmen Fitzerald, Sherley, Howard, Mann, McCall cruisers were needed elsewhere, plans and Austin, had a problem to solve in were discussed to have the Treasury trying to make room for the forty-four Department utilize two revenue cutters additional Congressmen resulting from the reapportionment, and finally decided that the benches were unost practical. The Superintendent of Capitol Buildings and Grounds was instructed to make the temporary provision for the new Congressmen, and to this end all the desks were removed and the floor levels changed to provide for the installation.

newly carpeted.

Congressmen are divided on the question of whether the benches should be used or whether forty extra desks should be installed. Mr. Woods explained that it would be necessary to pro-vide smaller desks than were formally used in an additional number if re-quired as the 400 removed occupied all available space. available space.

It is expected that a decision will be reached soon after the special session of Congress begins. It will then be possible to put in desks if wanted.

Members Want Desks. In the event that the desks are aban-

doned for use in the House there will be many claims for them, as members of the House have expressed a desire to own the desks they occupied. "Uncle Joe" Cannon would like to get the desk he had during his last term in Congress, and other Congressmen also are desir-ous of obtaining their former desks as

Speaker Calls Upon

and the Secretary of the Navy. In answer to questions from newspapermen, he declared his visits were entirely social, and that no political significance attached to them.

maintaining neutrality laws and guarding does. The wire damage has been so great that it probably will be several days before the exact number of dead is known.

Trains crept in today from the control of the c nificance attached to them.

Senator Newlands of Nevada also called on Secretary of War Garrison today. He declared he had no particutoday. He declared he had no particu-lar business to transact with the Sec-

TERRIFIC STORM, LATEST REPORTS SAY

Great Loss of Life in Twenty Gale-Swept States of South and Middle West Told in Dispatches Over Crippled Wires-Property Destroyed Runs Into Millions of Dollars.

ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI HARD HIT: TOWNS WIPED OUT; U. S. SENDS AID

Reports sifting into Washington this afternoon over crippled wires indicate that more than 300 persons were killed in the terrific gale that swept over twenty States in the South and Middle West, yesterday, injuring at least twice that number and causing property losses that will reach into the millions.

The death toll in the Southern States alone may reach 200. More than 400 persons were injured, some of them fatally.

From the Middle Western States about 100 persons were killed, and 300 injured, dispatches say.

WHITE REJECTS

Chief Justice Upholds Decision Virginia Court Refusing Rehearing of Case.

Upholding the decision of the supreme court of Virginia Chief Justice White to the House as a result of the removal day refused to grant a rehearing of the

Attorneys D. C. O'Flaherty, of Rich-Va., made their plea before the Chief Justice last night, for a writ of supersedeas which would have postponed the penalty of death at least until the United States Supreme Court could have neard the arguments of counsel,

Sentiment Favors Allens.

Since the sentence of death was pass on the Allens sentiment has changed toward them in large measure and thousands of people have petitioned Govrnor Mann, of Virginia, to either commute their sentences or pardon them. Jovernor Mann has upheld the decision of the Virginia supreme court and reused to take any action. Yesterday, as a last resort and forlorn

hope, the attorneys came to Washing-ten to make their plea before the Su-preme Court. The Chief Justice might have, had he thought the facts warpreme Court. The Chief Justice might have, had he thought the facts warranted it, issued the writ which would have given the Allens another chance. He decided after a night's thought on the matter that there was not enough evidence in their favor, and refused to take action.

Toronto Storm-Swept,

May Plead to Others. The Cabinet, however, considered the matter recently and decided to have no patrol. The reason given for this is that the British board of trade has a steamer engaged in the patrol and this.

The reason given for this is changed to provide for the installation of the benches. The floor was also newly carpeted.

Congressmen are divided on the questional trade of the Virginia supreme court, and the denial of action by Governor will argue most powerfully and the definal of action by dovernor against the granting of the writ.

The attorneys declared before the Chief Justice last night that the charge of conspiracy among the Allens to kill Judge Massie, in the Hillsville, Va., courthouse last March, was absolutely unpreven and that the jury was in-

Scott Promoted to Brigadier Generalship

pointment of Col. Hugh L. Scott, Third Cavalry, as brigadier general. Brigadier General Scott. now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, wil succeed Brigadier General Steever, retired, in command of the troops along the Texas border. The new brigadier general is a tried Garrison and Daniels

The new brigadler general is a tried Indian tighter and is regarded by Major General Wood as one of the men most fit in all the service for promotion and assignment to this work. On him will devolve a large part of the work of maintaining neutrality laws and guarding American property interests along

enjoyable if spent in the Western North Carolina Mountains—Land of the Sky. Easily and quickly reached by through trains of Southern Railway. Consult Agents, 705 15th and 905 F Sts. N. W.—

Mississippi's dead are: Macon, 3; Burnsville, 5; Ruleville, 1; and Rienzi, 5.

Weller, 1; Ida, 1; and Burk Place, 2. Alabama-Peachtree, 40; Thomasville, 24; Decatur, 5; Huntsville, 4; Dysas, 3; and Morrison, 5.

Town Wiped Out. Three were killed at Hoxie, Ark., an fifteen were hurt. The town was wip-

Five were killed at Black Rock, Ark. At Walnut Ridge, Ark., one was killed.

Terrific Gale Rages In Vicinity of Buffalo:

Grain Fleet Imperiled BUFFALO, N. Y., March 22.-The big storm from the West raged over the ake and out St. Lawrence river way luring most of the night, and today found the city telephone and

telegraph service crippled, many houses stripped of their roofs, and half finished buildings demolished. At times the wind exceeded eighty-eight miles an hour. Water in the inner harbor rose ive feet under the impact of the wind from the other side of the lake. The winter fleet, with immense cargees of grain, was threatened with destruction, but rode through the

storm safely. Fire tugs rescued a dozen fisherman from ice floes in the

With Much Damage In Outlying Districts

TORONTO, Ontario, March 22 .- This ity has a storm-swept appearance today, but the damage was mainly in the outlying districts. The roof of the Earles Court Methodist Church was blown away, and worshipers in St. Patrick's Catholic Church were the thrown into a panic and showered with glass when the wind blew in most of the windows on one side of the building. The wind attained unproven and that the jury was in-fluenced by popular sentiment which rose high after the killing of Judge in other parts of the province.

Hundred Are Killed

As Storm Sweeps West; **Property Loss Great**

CHICAGO, March 22.-The toll of dead n the storm that swept twenty States of the West and Middlewest yesterday probably will reach ico. Six hundred were injured and the property loss will aggregate at least \$5,000,000.

Partially restored communication from towns in the South today brought reports of terrible destruction by torna-

Trains crept in today from the North-west several hours behind schedule. Telephone and telegraphic companies declared that the loss would be the most severe they have suffered for several years, when it is coupled with the anor-

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